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SUBJECT: LOS: MOROCCAN- SPANISH FISHING TALKS END WITHOUT
AGREEMENT

REFS: A. RABAT 1063; B. RABAT 1077

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS SPANISH DELEGATION HERE FOR
FISHING TALKS WITH GOM (REFTEL) HAS RETURNED TO
SPAIN. SEMI- OFFICIAL MAP DISTRIBUTED FOLLOWING
STATEMENT MARCH 14 AFTER TALKS HELD MARCH 9-13.
STATEMENT SAYS TWO PARTIES HAVE AGREED ON FOLLOWING:

A. COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ON FISHING SHOULD
RESULT PRINCIPALLY FROM DIRECT CONTACT AMONG INTERESTED
PARTIES IN PRIVATE SECTOR.

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B. TWO DELS NOTE WITH SATISFACTION THAT CONTACTS OF THIS TYPE HAVE ALREADY TAKEN PLACE AND WILL CONTINUE IN NEAR FUTURE.

C. THESE CONTACTS AT PRIVATE SECTOR LEVEL WILL BE STIMULATED BY THE MOROCCAN AND SPANISH GOVERNMENTS.

D. THE TWO DELEGATIONS HAVE DECIDED TO RESUME TALKS ONCE RESULTS OF THESE CONTACTS ARE KNOWN.

2. ONLY LOCAL COMMENT AVAILABLE SO FAR IS BRIEF NOTE ON FRONT PAGE OF PRO- GOVERNMENT " MAROC- SOIR" MARCH 14 QUOTING " GOOD SOURCE" AS SAYING " TWO PARTIES HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO AGREE."

3. COMMENT: WE SEEKING FURTHER DETAILS BUT IT SEEMS APPARENT THAT WITH GOM' S FORMAL EXTENSION OF ESCULUSIVE FISHING ZONE TO 70 MILES (REF B) SPANISH AND OTHER FOREIGN FISHING BOATS MAY NOT FISH WITHIN NEW LIMIT UNLESS AND UNTIL GOVERNMENT- TO- GOVERNMENT AGREEMENTS ARE REACHED. STATEMENT PARA 1 SUGGESTS OFFICIAL SPANISH - MOROCCAN AGREEMENT NOT LIKELY IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE.
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